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Applicant

Takuyuki Yamaguchi, et al.

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Title

METHOD AND APPARATUS TO DETERMINE A DISCRIMINATION

THRESHOLD OF A RECEIVED SIGNAL, AND AN OPTICAL

TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

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Docket No.

45355/DBP/T360

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068 November 21, 2001

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	39	* 20	19	x \$9.00	19 x \$18.00	342.00
Independent Claims	10	** 5	5	x \$42.00	5 x \$84.00	420.00
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 \underline{X} Attached is our check for \$762.00 to pay the fees calculated above.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

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Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

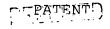
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 16-39.

A method to determine a discrimination threshold of a received signal input from an optical transmission line, comprising steps of:

measuring a bit error rate of the received signal at each of a plurality of discrimination thresholds by changing a polarization direction of an optical signal to enter the optical transmission line to detect the worst bit error rate at each discrimination threshold; and

searching a predetermined bit error rate from the plurality

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